

Interview Summary

Application No.

09/403,800

Applicant(s)

Tolmie et al.

Examiner

Robert James Popovics

Art Unit

1724



All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Robert James Popovics(3) Phineas B. Stone (Inventor)(2) David B. Tolmie (Inventor)(4) James Chang Et Al. (Representatives)Date of Interview Jul 14, 2003Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conferencec) ☐ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

Prior Art of Record, especially Pravachia et al. (US 754,519).Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicants and their Representatives reviewed the operation of Pravachia et al. system. It was argued that the unlabeled overflow was of larger diameter, and therefore, would not act as a siphon. Moreover, it was argued that Pravachia et al. would not be motivated to employ a siphon of the type disclosed by Applicants. Applicants indicated that an amendment formalizing the arguments presented, will be filed for official consideration.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner's signature, if required